



St. Anne's Catholic Church

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**17th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field,
which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and
sells all that he has and buys that field.” - Mt 13:44

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Leonard L. Marrujo

Priest in Residence: Rev. George DaRoza

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Cantor: Gina Downen

Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9 am – 12:30 pm & 1 pm - 4:30 pm

Masses in Church

Monday - Friday 8:15 am

Saturday 8:15 am & 5 pm (Vigil)

Sunday 9 am & 11 am

Sacrament of Confession :

Tuesday 9 am - 9:30 am

Saturday 3:30 pm- 4:00 pm

Library Hours: Wednesday 9 am - 12 pm

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Here is the final installment of St. Bernard's four degrees of God's love.

The 4th Degree of Love: Self-Love for God's Sake (Being United with God's Love)

Blessed are those who can attain the fourth degree of love. Then they will love themselves only in God! "Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains... O Lord" (Psalm 36:6). For this love is a mountain of great elevation that is fertile and rich. "Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord?" (Psalm 24:3)...

When will my soul, inebriated with divine love, learn to be unconsciously self-forgetful, and simply be a broken vessel (Psalm 31:12)? Then it will hasten to God to depend upon Him and cling only to Him. Then will my spirit be at one with God (1 Corinthians 6:17), saying, "My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever" (Psalm 73:26).

Blessed and holy is the one who has been privileged, even if only momentarily in this life, to taste of this love. For to so lose yourself that you are reduced to nothing is a divine experience and not a human sentiment (Philippians 2:7)...

In God all our affections should center, so that in all things we should seek to do only His will and not to please ourselves. The true blessing will come to us then, not in self-gratification, nor in transient pleasure, but in accomplishing God's will in us. So we pray daily. "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:10)...

To reach this condition is to be Godly. For as a drop of water disappears in a barrel of wine, taking the taste and color of wine, so is this state. Or like a bar of iron that is heated and red-hot and becomes like the flame itself, so is this return to divine love. Or just as air becomes so radiant with the light of the sun that it appears to be the very sunlight itself, so it is with the saints whose human love is transmuted by the will of God Himself...

Not until death is swallowed up in victory (1 Corinthians 15:54), and eternal light overwhelms all darkness, and takes full possession so that glory alone shines in their bodies, can our souls be entirely set free to be given wholly to God. For until then the soul is restricted in the body, bound at least to it by the natural affections, of not also still vitally connected by physical sense...

[In heaven] the fourth degree of love is attained forever. It consists of loving God, only and always... God will be the reward of them that love Him.

Cultivating Bernard of Clairvaux's Love of God

"God is love... Love comes from God..." (1 John 4.) To progress in Bernard's stages of love from selfish love to agapé love that wills good for God and others we must deny our selfish passions, grow in thankfulness for God's love to us, become captivated by God's nature of love, and ultimately lose ourselves in God.

The other thing we can do to grow into greater degrees of the wonderful and beautiful love of Christ and of God our Father is to meditate on the lyrics to Bernard's inspiring hymns of devotion to God until our soul begins to sing we are drawn to take heart for God from him.

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee, Jesus, the very thought of Thee. With sweetness fills my breast; But sweeter far Thy face to see, And in Thy presence rest. No voice can sing, nor heart can frame, Nor can the memory find A sweeter sound than Thy blest name, O Savior of mankind. O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek, To those who fall how kind Thou art! How good to those who seek! But what to those who find? Ah, this No tongue nor pen can show. The love of Jesus, what it is, None but His loved ones know. Jesus, our only joy be Thou. As Thou our prize wilt be; Jesus, be Thou our glory now And thru eternity. Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts, Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts! Thou fount of life! Thou Light of men! From the best bliss that earth imparts, We turn unfill'd to Thee again. Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood; Thou savest those that on Thee call; To them that seek Thee, Thou art good, To them that find Thee, All in All! We taste thee, O thou living Bread, And long to feast upon thee still! We drink of Thee the Fountain-head, And thirst our souls from thee to fill, Our restless spirits yearn for thee Where'er our changeful lot is cast; Glad, when Thy gracious smile we see, Blest, when our faith can hold Thee fast. O Jesus, ever with us stay! Make all our moments calm and bright! Chase the dark night of sin away, Shed o'er the world thy holy light!

Fr. Leonard L. Marrujo

LOOKING AHEAD

August 3rd

9am - Holy Hour with Benediction

Tuesday, August 8th & 22nd - Men's Ministry

10 AM – St. Anne's Parish Hall

Monday, August 21st - Parish Council Meeting

11 AM – Parish Center

Thursday, August 24th - Movie Afternoon

1 PM– Parish Center

“Keeping the Faith”

Wednesday, August 30th - Faith Formation

1 PM– Parish Hall

Part 2 - Bishop Barron's “The Mass”

LIBRARY ANNUAL BOOK SALE

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Books, CDs, DVDs and more!

Annual Book Fair

Saturday August 5th & 12th
from 10 am to 6:30 pm

and

Sunday August 6th & 13th
from 10 am to 2 pm

There will be an eclectic selection of books, jigsaw puzzles, CDs and DVDs available for you to browse and choose.

We will see you in the Parish Center!

Book donations are accepted on Wednesdays 9 am-12 pm or call

Odile Crandall
925-937-2643



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BOOK FAIR
THE BEST EVER!

St. Anne's Faith Formation — Bible Study begins September 27th at 10:30 am in the Parish Hall.

Fall Registrations are open.

The bible study will consist of two parts.

- In Fall of 2023 - Psalms 1-72 .
- In Spring of 2024 - Psalms 73-150.

Call the Parish office to reserve your spot.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday 07/31	8:15 AM	† Angela Cheng
Tuesday 08/01	8:15 AM	† Bessie Ouyang
Wednesday 08/02	8:15 AM	† June M. Ferreira
Thursday 08/03	8:15 AM	† Romeo Geronimo Ramos
Friday 08/04	8:15 AM	† Pei Sung
Saturday 08/05	8:15 AM 5:00 PM	† Sophia Louie Sp. Int. Parishioners & Benefactors
Sunday 08/06	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	† Angela Cheng † Jeanne Marie Cox

St. Anne's Society Fall BBQ Picnic



Mark your calendar for
Sunday September 17, 2023

5 PM - 8 PM

It will be held at the picnic grounds at the
Stanley Dollar Clubhouse.

The buffet dinner will be catered by the popular
"Back Forty Texas BBQ". Entertainment will be
provided by well-known accordionist **Ed Gorzinski.**

**All parishioners, friends and Rossmoor
residents are welcome!**

There will be a flyer in future bulletins with detailed
information on reservations and price.

St. Anne's Society, Reminds to save your valuables and slightly-used items for the annual Christmas Bazaar, being held in St. Anne's Parish Hall the first week-end of December. More information to follow.

Bulletin: If you would like to receive the weekly bulletin and highlight by email contact the parish office at **info@stanneswc.org**. Bulletin is also available on our website **www.stanneswc.org**

HOLY HOUR with Benediction

August 3, 2023 9am-10am
Please come and worship with us.



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Andrea Puccini	Jannet Tuvilla	Pamela Maria
Bob Pape	Jason Navaro	Patricia Carey
Bonnie Walsh	Jeanette Martini	Pat Roland
Caroline George	Jeff Westerfield	Robert DeGraca
Carolyn Collins	Joe Cellucci	Richard Daniels
Carter Whitlatch	John Statz	Rick Williams
Cathy Grimesey	Jordan Navaro	Robert Davenport
Cheryl Spitz	Josay Hayes	Robert Kraftschik
Chris Ramirez	Karen Salchett	Robin Duggan
Debbie Campbell	Karl Kropp	Ron Barajas
Edward Regan	Kathleen Clemons	Sandra Chafe
Ellen Stevens	Lisa Fiddler	Tom & Vicki Hughes
Ev Eaton	Martin Keegan	Tom Mader
Felice Santos	Michael Dunn	Vincent Riggio
Fr. Anthony Chang	Mike Abell	Wayne & Maria Sylvia
Hogey Hogenboom	Minton Newell	

If you wish to be included or removed from our prayer list, please contact Fran Long at 925-939-5151



Are you willing to serve in the capacity as an Usher?

We are in desperate need of ushers for the 11 am Sunday Mass. When regular ushers are out ill or on vacation, we have no one to substitute their absence.

If you are interested please call Fran Long @ 925-939-5151.

A BIG SHOUT OUT !

To our wonderful bulletin sponsors (they asked to remain anonymous). You have helped offset the cost of printing bulletins in-house.

THIS
PARISH
LIFE

Please visit our parish website www.stanneswc.org for parish information, calendar of events, copy of the bulletin, lectures and audio recordings of "This Parish Life" by Fr. Leonard.

2024 Mass Intention Book is open. Please come to the Parish office to reserve masses for next year.
Office hours: Monday-Friday 9 am-12 pm, 1 - 4:30 pm .



St Mary's St. Vincent de Paul

Just a quick note to say **THANK YOU!** With the support of St Anne's time and treasure, and the leadership of Father Leonard, last quarter (April-June) we served 753 visitors to the pantry, representing 2624 family members. We gave away 2385 bags of groceries! Your recent donation of over \$3000 in gift cards enables the pantry to broaden our support of our neighbors to include more of life's necessities.

We value your time as well! Pictured here, Jeanette is our oldest Vincentian (94) and can pack a mean bag of groceries. Did you know she worked in her dad's grocery store as a child? Also featured is Sheila, who besides staffing the pantry distribution, is also our conference secretary.

Our main mission at St. Mary St. Vincent de Paul is our food pantry, but we also help neighbors in need with rent, utilities, car repair and registration, and medical bills. We recently helped a new widow with three children with her rent.

Considering getting more involved? Most volunteers work on Thursday afternoons at the distribution, but we have people who pick up groceries from our store partners.

Volunteers also shelf groceries and clean up.

Email stmary.stvdp@gmail.com or call 925-937-2817 for more information.



St Anne's is a great group to have on any team!
We are so appreciative!